

very popular position to take, I recognize that. None of us like to talk about the fact that we do have to raise taxes, the fact that we do have to increase spending occasionally. I would like to remind the body that one of the first bills I introduced when I first came down here was a bill to put in statute a lid on the State of Nebraska along with Senator Lamb and Senator Haberman, I believe. But we did have it drafted a little bit differently than this, it was first by statute and it was the same year, by the way, right after the 7 percent went on the local government and we drafted it so that it excluded state aid, so it excluded those dollars that we raise for the purpose of keeping property taxes down. Now I would suggest to this body and we talk about this a lot in here about our concern about property taxes. I would suggest to you that if we really want property taxes to go straight through the ceiling, then adopt LR 19 or something like that. Because what that would do then would say that when the federal government or the state government decides to cut down on funds or we would be limited so that we couldn't raise funds, there's only one source of funds left for those entities of government that, yeah, my people and your people rely on. And that source is the property tax. And yeah, we've got a 7 percent lid on that but all the 7 percent would be raised right there, none of it would come from here. Now if that's what we want to have happen, then I guess we can vote for LR 19. Quite frankly, I don't want that to happen. I think part of our responsibility is to hold property taxes down and since I've been here, I've done my best to do so. But on the bill itself, on the resolution itself, first of all the introducers. The introducers, all conservatives, fiscal conservatives, obviously, yet every one of the introducers voted for the Vet School, the one thing that I stood on this floor and said, you know, \$29 million, we can't afford it. But they all said no, that's all right, don't worry about it. That's okay, we'll create a new college. Senator Hefner, it's going to take money to support that college. But that's okay, you can take it away from someplace else in University. That's all right, we'll take it away from some other function of government. As long as you want porkbarrel politics, as long as you want porkbarrel spending, and that's what that is, then maybe you should put a lid on, maybe you should put a lid on. From my perspective, since I follow all the time, I probably should say that a lid is a good idea because then it would be a moot question. You couldn't do it anyhow. But you know what? I've been told that I've got fairly broad shoulders. Well I don't know how broad they are but they're fairly strong. I was elected to make these decisions and the weight of those decisions are going to be on my shoulders and that's all right. I'll stand up to it. Another part of this resolution says that we're going to, any revenues